(b) and (c) Government of Gujarat had in September, 2006 submitted their proposal for Additional Central Assistance (ACA) for long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction of infrastructure damaged due to floods in the year, 2005. The proposal was examined by the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC), whose assessment was received in April, 2007. The assessment of Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) was considered by the High Level Committee (HLC) in its meeting dated 6th October, 2007 and HLC recommended that the proposal may be placed before the Cabinet. The Cabinet in its meeting held in March 2008, has approved the proposal.

(d) As per Cabinet approval, ACA of Rs. 1307.90 crore, comprising of Rs. 392.07 crore (30%) grant and Rs. 915.33 crore (70%) loan [which the State Government has to raise on their own, subject to obtaining approval of Centre as required under Article 293(3)] has been approved for the State of Gujarat.

Criteria for NSG cover and expenses involved

2535. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of senior politicians and serving and non-serving Heads of the country who are being provided NSG and Z Plus category of security cover alongwith the details thereof;

(b) what is the criteria for selection of such type of security cover in the country;

(c) what is the total expenses to the exchequer every year and the expenses for the last five year, year-wise;

(d) whether the State Government have also to share the cost of the expenses for providing such security covers to the selected persons; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As on date, Z Plus security and NSG mobile cover has been provided to 20 protectees Central and State Protectees.

(b) NSG cover is provided to highly threatened protectees. Similarly, Z Plus category of security is provided to individuals who face a grave and continuing threat from terrorist, militant or other groups.

(c) In view of the multiplicity of agencies involved and their roles and functions in providing security, it is not possible to estimate the amount being spent by the Government in this regard.

(d) and (e) The State Government also deploy their personnel for security and provide necessary infrastructure facilities.

Jobs in priority basis to sons and daughters of freedom fighters

2536. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme for giving jobs on priority basis to the sons and daughters of freedom fighters;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;